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[Report No. 115-322]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Land Asset
5 Inventory Reform Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. CADASTRE OF FEDERAL LAND.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop and
8 maintain a current and accurate multipurpose cadastre of
9 Federal real property to support Federal land manage-
10 ment activities, including, but not limited to: resource de-
11 velopment and conservation, agricultural use, active forest
12 management, environmental protection, and use of real
13 property.

14 (b) COST-SHARING.—The Secretary may enter into
15 cost-sharing agreements with States to include any non-
16 Federal lands in a State in the cadastre. The Federal
17 share of any such cost agreement shall not exceed 50 per-
18 cent of the total cost to a State for the development of
19 the cadastre of non-Federal lands in the State.

20 (c) CONSOLIDATION AND REPORT.—Not later than
21 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
22 Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Nat-
23 ural Resources of the House of Representatives and the
24 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
25 ate on—

1 (1) the existing real property inventories or any
2 components of any cadastre currently authorized by
3 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior,
4 the statutory authorization for such, and the amount
5 expended by the Federal Government for each such
6 activity in fiscal year 2014;

7 (2) the existing real property inventories or any
8 components of any cadastre currently authorized by
9 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior
10 that will be eliminated or consolidated into the mul-
11 tipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act;

12 (3) the existing real property inventories or any
13 components of a cadastre currently authorized by
14 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior
15 that will not be eliminated or consolidated into the
16 multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act, to-
17 gether with a justification for not terminating or
18 consolidating such in the multipurpose cadastre au-
19 thorized by this Act;

20 (4) the use of existing real property inventories
21 or any components of any cadastre currently con-
22 ducted by any unit of State or local government that
23 can be used to identify Federal real property within
24 such unit of government;

1 (5) the cost-savings that will be achieved by
2 eliminating or consolidating duplicative or unneeded
3 real property inventories or any components of a ca-
4 dastre currently authorized by law or conducted by
5 the Department of the Interior that will become part
6 of the multipurpose cadastre authorized by this Act,
7 and a plan for implementation of this Act, including
8 a cost estimate and the feasibility of the use of rev-
9 enue from any transactional activity authorized by
10 law that may be used to offset any costs of imple-
11 menting this Act;

12 (6) in consultation with the Director of the Of-
13 fice of Management and Budget, the Administrator
14 of the General Services Administration, and the
15 Comptroller General of the United States, conduct
16 the assessment required by paragraphs (1) through
17 (5) of this subsection with regard to all cadastres
18 and inventories authorized, operated or maintained
19 by all other Executive agencies of the Federal Gov-
20 ernment; and

21 (7) recommendations for any legislation nec-
22 essary to increase the cost-savings and enhance the
23 effectiveness and efficiency of replacing, eliminating,
24 or consolidating real property inventories or any

1 components of a cadastre currently authorized by
2 law or conducted by the Department of the Interior.

3 (d) COORDINATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section,
5 the Secretary shall—

6 (A) participate, pursuant to section 216 of
7 Public Law 107–347, in the establishment of
8 such standards and common protocols as are
9 necessary to assure the interoperability of
10 geospatial information pertaining to the cadas-
11 tre for all users of such information;

12 (B) coordinate with, seek assistance and
13 cooperation of, and provide liaison to the Fed-
14 eral Geographic Data Committee pursuant to
15 Office of Management and Budget Circular A-
16 16 and Executive Order 12906 for the imple-
17 mentation of and compliance with such stand-
18 ards as may be applicable to the cadastre;

19 (C) integrate, or make the cadastre inter-
20 operable with, the Federal Real Property Pro-
21 file established pursuant to Executive Order
22 13327;

23 (D) integrate with and leverage to the
24 maximum extent practicable current cadastre

1 activities of units of State and local govern-
2 ment; and

3 (E) use contracts with the private sector,
4 to the maximum extent practicable, to provide
5 such products and services as are necessary to
6 develop the cadastre.

7 (2) CONTRACTS CONSIDERED SURVEYING AND
8 MAPPING.—Contracts entered into under paragraph
9 (1)(E) shall be considered “surveying and mapping”
10 services as such term is used and as such contracts
11 are awarded in accordance with the selection proce-
12 dures in title IX of the Federal Property and Ad-
13 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 1101
14 et seq.).

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16 As used in this Act, the following definitions apply:

17 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of the Interior.

19 (2) CADASTRE.—The term “cadastre” means
20 an inventory of real property of the Federal Govern-
21 ment developed through collecting, storing, retriev-
22 ing, or disseminating graphical or digital data de-
23 picting natural or man-made physical features, phe-
24 nomena, or boundaries of the earth and any infor-
25 mation related thereto, including surveys, maps,

1 charts, satellite and airborne remote sensing data,
2 images, and services, with services performed by pro-
3 fessionals such as surveyors, photogrammetrists, hy-
4 drographers, geodesists, cartographers, and other
5 such services of an architectural or engineering na-
6 ture including the following data layers:

7 (A) A reference frame consisting of a cur-
8 rent geodetic network.

9 (B) A series of current, accurate large
10 scale maps.

11 (C) An existing cadastral boundary overlay
12 delineating all cadastral parcels.

13 (D) A system for indexing and identifying
14 each cadastral parcel.

15 (E) A series of land data files, each includ-
16 ing the parcel identifier, which can be used to
17 retrieve information and cross reference be-
18 tween and among other existing data files,
19 which may contain information about the use,
20 assets and infrastructure of each parcel.

21 (3) REAL PROPERTY.—The term “real prop-
22 erty” means real estate consisting of land, buildings,
23 crops, forests, or other resources still attached to or
24 within the land or improvements or fixtures perma-
25 nently attached to the land or a structure on it, in-

1 including any interest, benefit, right, or privilege in
2 such property.

3 **SEC. 4. TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCESS.**

4 The Secretary shall—

5 (1) make the cadastre publically available on
6 the Internet in a graphically geo-enabled and search-
7 able format;

8 (2) ensure that the inventory referred to in sec-
9 tion 2 includes the identification of all lands and
10 parcels suitable for disposal by Resource Manage-
11 ment Plans conducted for pursuant to the Federal
12 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
13 U.S.C. 1711 et seq.); and

14 (3) in consultation with the Secretary of De-
15 fense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, pre-
16 vent the disclosure of any parcel or parcels of land,
17 and buildings or facilities thereon, or information re-
18 lated thereto, if such disclosure would impair or
19 jeopardize the national security or homeland defense
20 of the United States.

21 **SEC. 5. RIGHT OF ACTION.**

22 Nothing in this Act shall create any substantive or
23 procedural right or benefit.

1 **SEC. 6. CERTAIN NEW ACTIONS NOT REQUIRED.**

2 Nothing in this Act shall require or authorize any
3 new surveying or mapping of Federal land, the evaluation
4 of any parcel of land for potential management by non-
5 Federal entities, the disposal of any Federal land, or any
6 new appraisal or assessment of the value or cultural and
7 archaeological resources on any parcel of Federal land.

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